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Atty. Dkt. No 016887-1038

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Yukio HEMMI et al.  
Title: NUCLEAR POWER PLANT  
SYSTEM AND METHOD OF  
OPERATING THE SAME  
Appl. No.: 09/821,732  
Filing Date: 03/30/2001  
Examiner: Unassigned  
Art Unit: Unassigned

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a four-month extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

The extension fee for response within the fourth month is \$1,440.00. A check for this amount is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 29, 2001

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